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REMARKS

Formal Matters

Claims 1-6, 24, 25, 25, 27 and 29-32 are pending.

Claims 1-6 stand rejected.

Claims 24, 25, 27, and 29-30 are allowed.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended. Support for this amendment is found on page 9, lines 20-24. No new matter is added.

Claims 13-23 and 33 are cancelled solely to expedite prosecution and without any intention to acquiesce to the correctness of any objection or rejection.

The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the remarks made herein.

Interview Summary

The Applicants wish to express their gratitude to Examiner Fernandez for the interview on June 7, 2005, with Applicants' representative James Keddie.

In the interview, Exr. Fernandez agreed that an outlet of a channel is the end of a channel through which material exits.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-5, 13-23 and 33 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Schultz (U.S.P.N. 6,627,882). The Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

With respect to claims 1-5, claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the nozzle contains a channel and a plurality of *outlets* operatively connected to the channel.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the above-recited claim element is not disclosed at any position in Schultz's disclosure. As seen in Schultz's Fig. 4 and 5, for example, Schultz's nozzles only contain a single outlet.

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As such, Schultz cannot anticipate the subject matter of claims 1-6, and this rejection may be withdrawn.

Without any intention to acquiesce this rejection and solely to expedite prosecution, claims 13-23 and 33 are cancelled.

This rejection is therefore moot with regard to claims 13-23 and 33.

In view of the foregoing discussion, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

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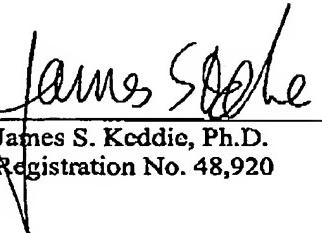
CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone Timothy Joyce at 650 485 4310. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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